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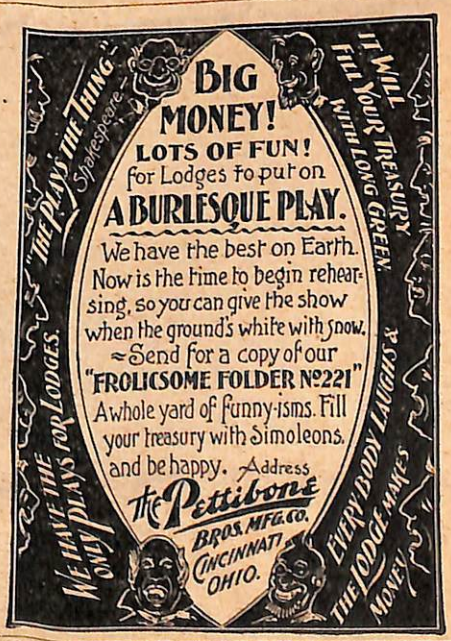
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THE LODGES.

The brothers in Ottumwa are active and efficient. Dec. 5 we participated in their work in the F. C. degree.

Home Lodge 370, Des Moines, gave a fine entertainment Jan. 19th, in Columbia Hall. We regret our forced absence.

Maryland and Arkansas Grand Lodges join Kentucky, withdrawing fellowship from the G. L. of Washington. Cause, the recognition of black Masonry.

It is said that "operative" or trades lodges are on the increase in England. The Masonic Sun announces one connected with the "Skinners Company," and another among the employes of the "Cutters Company."

At Lost Nation we attended an enjoyable entertainment by ——— Lodge U. D., Dec. 29, 1898, whose growth has been most healthful. Their hall is a model of neatness and their W. M., Bro. J. C. Comstock, is a capable officer.

Bro. Bun F. Price gives some sage advice to the lodges of Tennessee against the practice of moving "that Bro. Secretary cast the ballot for ——— for the office of ———" and holds it to be an error and unmasonic.

Craftsmen are warned against making the mistake of going to the Hawaiian Islands in expectation of any kind of employment. The supply far exceeds the demand and it is a kind act upon the part of Hawaiian Lodge No. 21, A. F. & A. M. to send out this official warning.

To the memorial list of "Deceased contemporaries" the "Idaho Mason" goes to the shades with the "Masonic Record," and the "Craftsman" of Atlanta, Ga., went "busted" trying to raise funds for distressed Masons in Cuba.

At Riverside the Lodge and O. E. S. Chapter have as fine quarters and property rooms as anywhere in the state. The hall is occupied by all the fraternal bodies of the town, and is a marvel of neatness and taste.

Dec. 31 was an eventful occasion in Trojan Lodge, as the proposed public installation brought out all its population. All officers were re-elected. *All dues were paid up to date.* The record of being the first lodge to forward its reports is to be kept up. Here are the officers:

W. M.—P. M. Plumb
S. W.—H. Robinson.
J. W.—C. S. Berry.
Treas.—J. B. Smalley.
Sec'y.—H. Stearns.

An elegant banquet followed. There were a number of invited guests.

OF RARE OLD WOOD.

Gavel made from tree planted by George Washington given to Mosaic Lodge. Senator Allison is the donor. Tradition bears out belief regarding the tree.

A gavel made from a tree planted by George Washington was presented to Mosaic Lodge No. 125, A. F. & A. M., by Senator William B. Allison, a member of the lodge.

The following letter accompanied the gavel:

"Washington, D. C., Dec. 19, 1898.—To the Secretary of Mosaic Lodge No. 125, A. F. & A. M. My Dear Sir and Brother: Mr. D. B. Bradley has handed to me for preservation to Mosaic Lodge a gavel,

which was cut from a magnolia tree at Mount Vernon, tradition showing that this tree was planted by George Washington, commander-in-chief of the revolutionary army, and afterwards president of the United States, which, it seems to me, will be a most agreeable souvenir for the lodge to have. So I send it to you by express.

"The fact that the tree from which this gavel was taken was planted by George Washington is very well authenticated. I tried to get written evidence of the fact, but was not able to do so, and therefore send you a copy of a letter signed Harrison B. Dodge, superintendent of the Mount Vernon property. I hope the lodge will accept this gavel in the spirit intended by the donor. Very truly yours,

W. B. ALLISON."

The letter does not give a positive guarantee that the magnolia tree was planted by George Washington, but Superintendent Dodge had accepted the tradition handed down to him to that effect.

Mosaic Lodge is gratified with the gift and the members are sincerely grateful to Mr. Allison.

[From Bro. B. F. Parker came the above item and his voucher, added to Bro. Allison's, would verify any assertion.—ED.]

A GENUINE LOVE FEAST.

COLLATION GIVEN MASONIC BRETHREN BY ALD. C. D. HUSTON.

One of the most pleasant events recorded in Masonic circles for several years was enjoyed by a number of the officers of Mt. Hermon Lodge No. 263, and Crescent Lodge No. 25, who were the guests of Aldermen C. D. Huston, worshipful master of Mt. Hermon lodge, at a collation in the Temple, Jan. 11. 1899.

The evening's program contained many surprises for the invited guests, who found covers laid for twenty-four, on beautifully decorated and elegantly furnished tables, prepared during the afternoon by the wives and ladies of those interested in the event. The program was as follows:

Master of ceremonies, Dr. C. H. Cogswell, P. G. H. P.

Welcome address, Charles D. Huston.

New York counts.

Address, "Masonry," Hon John T. Hamilton.

Oyster Stew.

"Apollo Commandery," Eminent Sir M. M. Hall.

"Trowel Chapter," Eminent Knight W. W. Hamilton.

Recitation by the best senior deacon in Iowa, D. McDougal, S. D.

"Crescent Lodge," Martin Evans, W. M.

"Mt. Hermon Lodge," M. W. Hazeltine, P. M.

Coffee.

Doughnuts. Fruit Salad.

Cigars.

Social features: Addresses by E. E. Clark, C. B. Whelpley, S. W., E. O. Edson, S. W., and E. S. Hubbard, P. H. P.

The address of Hon. John T. Hamilton on "Masonry" was one of that speaker's best efforts and was most enthusiastically received. E. E. Clark, dwelling at length upon some of his own ideas of "the good of the order," made a number of suggestions that met with the unanimous approval of the guests present, who represent the highest aims of Masonry.—*Gazette, Jan. 12, '99.*

PASSING OF A PIONEER.

After a well merited half column devoted to the early Iowa life of the late Joseph S. Butler, the Springville *New Era* of Wednesday, Jan. 5, 1899, says:

"The funeral was held Tuesday, Jan. 3, '99, at 11 a. m. The pastor of the deceased, Rev. Hugh Robinson, preached a most impressive sermon, to which the large audience, which filled every available place in the Presbyterian Church, listened with the closest attention. Rev. W. J. Bollman, a former pastor, read the bible lesson and the obituary. Rev. Smith, of the M. E. Church, offered the invocation, and while it has been said that prayer is always beyond criticism, it may not be out of place to say that this appeal to the "Tender Father" seemed almost an inspiration.

Springville Lodge, No. 139, A. F. & A. M. had charge of the ceremonies after leaving the church, and the usual Masonic burial service was held at the cemetery. J. W. Patterson, of Marion, acted as Marshal of these ceremonies, and Mr. Plumb, of Marion, as Master. Among the visiting Masons were: T. J. Davis, C. M. Plumb, D. R. Kinley, Hiram Robinson, E. I. Alderman, J. Kocher, L: Wixson, G. B. Withers, J. C. Davis, J. H. Unangst, J. J. Smyth, J. B. Scott, J. J. Patterson, O. Boyles, of Marion; Matt Bingham, Wm. Dearborn, of Stone City; J. G. Fox, of Waubeek; F. A. Jones, J. C. Underwood, of Bristow; Sam'l James, of Viola; Alex. Torrence, of Mt. Vernon. He belonged to Springville Lodge No. 139, A. F. & A. M.; to Marion Royal Arch Chapter No. 10; and to Patmos Commandery No 27 Knights Templar, Iowa.

After several months of suffering, intensified the last few weeks by an attack of pneumonia he passed to his reward, Dec. 31, 1898, aged 77 years, 3 months and 3 days.

THE ROYAL ARCH.

Thanks to Comp. Chrisman for a neat "Masonic Directory."

Monona Chapter, Mapleton, has six candidates in line for exaltation in this month. The Council degrees are to be conferred the last of the month.

The most sanguine expectations of the Companions have been met at Oelwein in the starting of their new Chapter there. Work—good work—and plenty of it has been brought up and more is still to come.

Among the livest corners in Masonry is Columbus Junction. Composite Chapter No. 91 has exalted three teams lately and has another in sight. St. John's day they went to Washington for joint work there. They expect to share the new quarters of the K. P. in the near future.

COMMANDERIES.

Hugh De Payens Commandery, St. Joseph, Mo., presented their retiring E. C., Sir A. M. Worden with a magnificent P. C. jewel Dec. 19, 1898. This same H. De P. Commandery will hear from some of the ultra orthodox Masonic (?) papers over conferring the Order of Red Cross and Orders of the Temple on *five* all on the same evening, *to get them ready for the Shrine.*

We have a neat circular Roster of Pike's Peak Commandery K. T., of Colorado Springs, Colo., by the hand of Sir Aury B. Noxon.

THE EASTERN STAR.

A short call at Riverside gave us information that the Chapter there is one of the substantial bodies of the town.

The sisters of the Chapter in Davenport fed 500 poor children on New Year's day. Noble act.

Marion Chapter 183 has installed the following officers:

Mrs. G. E. Fullerton—W. M.
Dr. G. S. Muirhead—W. P.
Mrs. W. F. Fitzgerald—A. M.
Miss Ora Clogston—Sec'y.
Mrs. A. J. Joss—Treas.
Mrs. F. C. Bell—Conductress.
Mrs. Kelly—A. C.
Mrs. Helen Stearns—Chaplain.
Mrs. M. Palmer—Marshal.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES.

CARNATION CHAPTER NO. 165, O. E. S., INSTALL OFFICERS.

The "Order Eastern Star" gave a public installation of officers at their hall Tuesday evening, Jan. 3d. The beautiful and impressive ceremonies were witnessed by the members of the order and about one hundred invited guests. Mrs. F. P. Webber, Past Worthy Matron, was Worthy Grand Matron, installing officers for the occasion, and did her work beautifully, and delivered the charges to the officers elect in her impressive manner. She was ably assisted in the work by Worthy Grand Marshal, Mrs. George A. Kennedy, who deserves great credit for her part in the work. The ceremonies were accompanied by the sweet strains of the harp, adding to the beauty of the affair.

After the installation, Past Worthy Patron, M. D. Gillette, delivered a short address, referring particularly to the history of the order, which was listened to with much interest.

At 9:30 the members, with their guests, were ushered into the banquet hall, where plates were laid for a hundred, who were served with light refreshments, when the tables were filled for a second time, after which young and old "tripped away to the music gay" till the early hours of the morning brought to a close the brilliant and happy evening. The members are to be congratulated on the social success of the affair, and the general arrangements of the evening. The rooms were beautifully and appropriately decorated for the occasion.

Carnation Chapter was organized in Oct. 1894, with twenty-four charter members and to-day has a membership of 107, and is regarded as one of the strongest and best chapters in the state. Its success is due to the members and to the always efficient officers.

The following are the officers elect for the ensuing year:

Worthy Matron—Mrs. J. A. Sherman.
Worthy Patron—Mr. E. E. Baer.
Associate Matron—Mrs. C. K. Dixon.
Conductress—Mrs. F. B. Wadsley.
Associate Conductress—Miss Gillette.
Secretary—Mrs. F. Ellis.
Treasurer—Mrs. O. B. Fobes.
Chaplain—Mrs. W. B. Chick.
Marshal—Mrs. Geo. A. Kennedy.
Adah—Mrs. S. C. Dickinson.
Esther—Mrs. J. F. Weart.

Electa—Mrs. J. S. Crawford.
Ruth—Mrs. C. B. Fletcher.
Martha—Mrs. L. D. Collier.
Warder—Mrs. J. A. McGonagle.
Organist—Mrs. L. Thompson.
Sentinel—Mr. J. A. Sherman.
—*Cherokee Democrat.*

THE SCOTTISH RITE.

Des Moines Consistory will have a convention in March if the petitions show up sufficiently by Feb. 15th.

A handsome ballustre from Zerephath Consistory, Valley of Davenport, informs us that their annual reunion will be held in Masonic Temple February 15, 16 and 17, 1899. We wish our princely neighbors a successful time.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

January 18th, 1899, will ever remain memorable in the annals of El-Kahir Temple as the occasion of a successful visit to Mason City. The banquet by the O. E. S. was a delightful affair.

The editor had occasion to accompany his Potentate to Sioux Falls on January 26, and to say that El-Riad had a successful round-up puts it mildly—very mildly. They are El-Kahir's God children, and they are more than one chip off the old block. It was a delightful occasion.

The Temples are pushing work all over the country these crisp winter months. Every effort points to Buffalo.

Of El-Kahir's experiences at Des Moines we must speak next month.

All the Nobles of the Order will sympathize with Mecca in the loss of their long-time Potentate, A. W. Peters, whose name appears among "Our Dead."

Buffalo Buttons are flying over the land, marking the prospective pilgrims to that city next June. "Watch our smoke." Iowa will go with a solid train.

Side trips are being arranged for and will include some Atlantic Ocean points, New York or "Coney Island."

Hotel privileges are going rapidly and the early Noble gets the choice—that's why advance booking should be done. That's a hint.

Hereafter we expect to make an announcement of interest to all our subscribers who wish to go to Buffalo—whether Nobles or not. Watch our smoke.

FRATERNITIES.

The editor of this journal is looking for information which will be used for the common good in this department Address, Drawer E, Marion Iowa.

Bro. A. L. Saltstein, Gen'l Manager of the Knights Templars and Masonic Mutual Aid Association of Ohio, has been a welcome visitor to our sanctum. This thrifty organization is located at Cincinnati, and Bro. Enoch T. Carson is its President, while the only William B. Melish is its Secretary. They enter our state for business under flattering prospects.

The new lodge of Knights of Pythias of this city starts out with Sidney Smith—little but mighty—as the Chancellor Commander. They are located on the corner of Second avenue and Fourth street. May Friendship bind them together, Charity melt their hearts to one loving mass, and Benevolence flow from their treasury and personal acts as they have opportunity.

ELKS RECEPTION.

One of the most delightful occasions we have ever enjoyed was a recent reception to "Tim Murphy" and the men of his company, at the new rooms of Lodge 251, of this city. Sidney Smith acted as Toast Master, and for clean enjoyable wit it was the most delightful we ever spent.

A GREAT LIVE STOCK JOURNAL

THE PRAIRIE FARMER—a weekly Agricultural and Live Stock Journal—one dollar a year. It is admittedly the leader of the agricultural and live stock papers of the United States. It covers the entire field of agriculture, dairying, live stock breeding and live stock feeding. It is edited for western farmers and stockmen who carry on diversified work; in fact *it is the farmer's newspaper.* The regular subscription price is one dollar a year; but in order that every one of our readers may get it next year, we will send it a full year with our own paper for only $1.25. This low price may be withdrawn anytime; we request our readers to act promptly. Hand in your order or send it to us.

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GRAND GATHERINGS.

GRAND LODGES MEET.
Iowa, Mason City, June 6, 1899.

CROM BOWEN.....Des Moines.....GRAND MASTER
T. S. Parvin.....Cedar Rapids.....Grand Secretary

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.
Iowa, Grand, Red Oak, October 19th, 1899.
W. F. CLEVELAND...Harlan....GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Secretary

CONCLAVES K. T.
Grand Encampment, Louisville, Ky., Aug. 19, 1899.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 14, 1899.
G. W. BEVER.....Cedar Rapids..GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.
General Grand (U. S.,) 1901.
Iowa, Oct. 26,, 1898, Cedar Rapids.
MRS. M. B. RATHBUN..Clinton.....GRAND MATRON
W. H. Norris.....Manchester.....Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson...Council Bluffs.....Grand Recorder

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.
Imperial Council, Buffalo, N. Y., June 4, 1899.
ETHELBERT F. ALLEN..Kansas City..IMP. POTENTATE
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E. I. ALDERMAN.....Marion.....POTENTATE
John Westley Geiger.....Marion.....Recorder

Kaaba Temple, Davenport, Iowa.
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S. R. Crickmore.....Box 523, Omaha.....Recorder

EDITORIAL NOTES

With all the "Masonic" and "Fraternal Departments" in daily and weekly newspapers, that of the St. Joseph Daily Herald is the leader. They know what it means.

Two tickets and an invitation to the public installation of Garden City Lodge 141, Chicago, for January 3, had to be laid aside with regret. Hope to see them later.

The Los Angeles *Freemason* calls attention to the "Wimodansis" clubs of Pennsylvania, and makes the eligibles read widow, mother, daughter and sister of Freemasons. We rather think the first means *wife* as well as widow. Eh?

The editor acknowledges his regrets not to have been able to attend the wedding of his dear friend, Dr. Edward Wallace Lee of Omaha, Neb., Wednesday, December fourteenth, 1898. *Bon voyage.*

The editor has to intimate that some correspondence has been going on in regard to the initial article quoted from Brother Duncan in the January Number of 1898, and while he will protect the complainant, he will shortly express his views about the super-sensitiveness of some as to the freedom of comparison in the article, "The Adhesiveness of Freemasonry."

No good work goes uncalled to its reward though finally it is rewarded. So we find our pathway strewn with prompted experiences that show us how difficult it is to keep the work going. This enterprise has been passing through its ordeal of expense, and now we wish to call attention to the fact that its success is henceforward our own personal responsibility. What our friends do they do for us, and what help they give will be put into our effort to develop the best we can from our humble journal.

The New Year's Greeting of Bro. Bun F. Price was received and it will be kept as "a constant reminder,"

"Live for those who love you,
For those who know you true.
For the heaven that smiles above you
And the good that you can do."

Same to you, courteous brother.

Garden City Lodge sends us the Address of W. M., Reports and Roster. Its present membership is 599.

The 13th annual report of the Masonic Veteran Association of Illinois comes to us from the hand of that genial General Bro. John Carson Smith, and he has our most hearty thanks. Further notice later.

From Bro. Harding, of Keswick, we have a letter, with clippings, on the subject of Masonry, which we shall notice in this department in our March number. Dowie the healer, figures in the clipping.

SAVANNA, ILL., Jan. 25, 1899.

JNO. W. GEIGER, Marion, Iowa.

Dear Sir:—Will you watch for and post, so far as possible, one J. H. Graham, an impostor, claiming to be secretary of Masonic Lodge at Blockton, Iowa. I gave him masonic aid, getting him a ticket from here to Marion, some days ago, and on corresponding with lodge at Blockton they pronounce him an impostor and not known there, and one who has "worked" other places. Pass him around. Respectfully,

G. W. JOHNSON,
Master Mississippi Lodge No. 385.

IOWA'S NEW INSURANCE EXAMINER.

In the appointment by State Auditor F. F. Merriam of M. Beehler as State Examiner of Insurance another Manchester citizen has been honored. Mr. Merriam could have sought the state over and not found a more capable man, one with a wider acquaintance among insurance men, or one more familiar with the conditions and needs of the insurance business in Iowa. Mr. Beehler has given insurance in all its forms a thorough and systematic study, and is withal a man of the highest standing at home and away from home. His new office will not compel a change of residence, we are glad to say, although he will necessarily be away from home a considerable part of the time. The duties of his position, upon which he has already entered, make him a supervisor of the affairs of every life, fire, accidental, casualty and marine insurance company doing business in the state of Iowa and will take him to all parts of the United States. His appointment is in every sense a gratification to his friends in Delaware county and may be relied upon as one which will reflect constant credit upon the insurance department. Mr. Beehler brings to the office a large state acquaintance, a wide business experience and a name for integrity established by the residence of a life time here. The Press congratulates him upon his selection as the head of this responsible department of the state's business, expressing confidence in that choice and wishing him all success in his occupancy of the office.—*Investigator.*

A SAGE UTTERANCE.

I believe that the best form of charity is that which enables a man to help himself—to provide the man with employment to earn rather than to give it to him outright. —*Russell Sage.*

OUR DEAD.

We will consider it a favor if our readers will send us the names and date of deaths among the Masonic Family.—Editor.

Claus Deckmann, Marshalltown, Jan. 22, 1899.

This Mason and Noble was buried with Masonic honors by Lodge 108 of Marshalltown. He leaves a wife and three young children. His brothers mourn his loss.

James A. Howle, P. G. H. P., Dixon, Ill., Dec. 30, 1898.

Joseph S. Butler, Springville, Iowa, Dec. 31, 1898.

TWOGOOD—January 8, 1899, at Los Angeles, Cal., of heart failure, Mrs. William S. Twogood (nee Genevieve Alderman,) formerly of Marion, Iowa, in the twenty-ninth year of her age.

Funeral Tuesday, 2 o'clock p. m., from her late residence, No. 546 South Alvarado street. Interment at Rosedale. Mrs. Twogood was the youngest daughter of Capt. E. B. Alderman of Corona, Cal., and a sister of Mrs. F. J. Cressy of Los Angeles.

This was the sister of the Potentate of El-Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, and the wife of one of Marion's prominent K. P's.

Augustus W. Peters, New York, Dec. 28, 1898.

This well known Noble was Potentate of Mecca Temple for eleven years past and his face was a familiar one at the Imperial Council. We mourn with Mecca.

MASONS ACCOUNTED FOR.

The Devil's Lake Inter Ocean tells this story as coming from a little Illinois girl who had prepared it for commencement, under directions to write an essay on the wise man:

"King Solomon was a man who lived ever so many years ago, and in the country that he governed he was the whole push. He was an awful wise man, and one day two women came to him, each holding on to the leg of a baby, and both claiming it. And King Solomon wasn't feeling right well, and he said: "Why could not the brat have been twins and stopped all this bother?' And he called for his sword and was going to chop the little baby in two, and give each one of them a piece of it, when the one who was the mother of the baby said: 'Stop, Solomon; stay thy hand. Let that old hog have it. If I can't have a whole baby I don't want any.' Then King Solomon told her to take the baby and go home and wash its face, for he knew it was her's. He told the other woman to go and chase herself. King Solomon built King Solomon's temple, and was the father of all the Masons. He had 700 wives and 300 lady friends, and that's why there are so many Masons in the world. My papa says King Solomon was a warm member, and I think he was hot stuff myself. That's all I know about King Solomon."

IN OLD MOORISH HOMES.

GRANADA'S FADED GLORIES AND THE DAYS WHEN THE MOHAMMEDANS RULED SPAIN —ITS PRESENT INHABITANTS.

Four centuries have passed away since the Mohammedan power was driven out of Spain, by the fall of the Moorish kingdom of Granada, in the famous war conducted with such spirit by Ferdinand and Isabella. In that long and memorable crusade of Christian against Moslem, there were some episodes of terrible barbarity. The fanatical Moorish armies perpetrated excesses which aroused all Christendom and the Christian princes banded together, resolved at whatever cost to expel the Moors. This was at last accomplished. Malaga and Grenada, the strongholds of the Moorish empire, were captured, and Boabdil, the last of the alien monarchs of the Crescent to rule in Western Europe, was deprived of his power and possessions, and became a vassal of Spain.

The story of the Moorish period of occupation is now only recalled by the magnificent architectural remains of that period that still exist in many localities in Granada. Nowhere in Europe are there any structures excelling in dignity of conception and extreme delicacy of treatment those found in the Alhambra group. Combining many of the features of Saracenic and Arabian architecture, the Moorish workmen wrought in a style which, though replete with ornament, was yet conspicuously graceful and striking, lacking the heaviness of the Gothic and the Roman, and retaining in a multiplied form something of the beauty of the Greek. In the remains of their mosques, tombs and palaces, and even in many homes of the wealthier class, this rich elaboration is still visible. Slender, graceful pillars, topped by ornate capitals, support the buildings, rising to delicately formed arches, heavy with tracery that seems to the observer as fine as the filagree work of a silversmith.

Their houses were surrounded by cool, well shaded court yards, rich in foliage and still further cooled by the spray of fountains. The windows and doorways of their dwellings were made small to shut out the heat.

Much of the life of the Moorish household was and still is passed out of doors, but in the privacy of the court—which served the same purpose as the Mexican *patio.* As Granada is rich in alabaster and other precious stones, the pillars and carvings of many of these old Moorish houses were composed of such material. To-day, however, Moorish architecture is a thing of the past, and the descendants of that scattered race are seemingly wholly incapable of the energy and artistic talents of their warlike ancestors.

In the older quarter of Granada, there are still many buildings that retain much of the ancient Moorish style, but the modern part is commonplace.

Karnattah, as the Moors called their capital city (meaning 'the hill of the strangers') has many beautiful squares, and one finely-shaded walk called the Alameda, where the beauty and fashion of the old town delight to promenade in the cool of the day. The climate is pleasant and healthy. Among the poor, however, the same condition of deplorable ignorance and neglect exists that is found in many other Spanish cities. The life of the wealthy is one of ease and indolent pleasure, with little regard for the welfare of those who live in humble quarters, and whose horizon of hope and ambition is bounded by the dingy walls of some old decaying court-yard. With a proper degree of enterprise and Christian consideration for the poorer class, the city might once again become, what it probably was in the old days, one of the finest, most prosperous and most important in the Spanish dominions.—*Christian Herald.*

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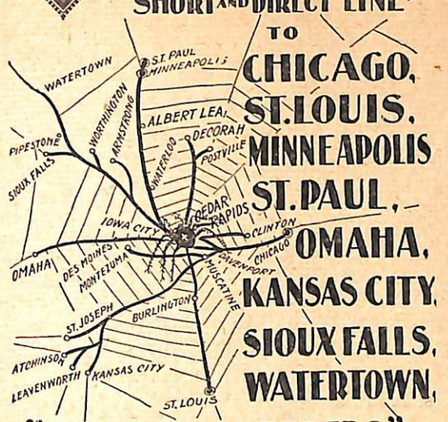

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